

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
HARRISONBURG DIVISION

SAMUEL JOSEPH ORLANDO,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHERIFF DONALD L. SMITH, *et al.*

Defendants.

No.: 5:22-cv-00062-MFU

**COUNSEL’S MOTION TO  
WITHDRAW**

COMES NOW Movant, Christopher M. Okay, co-counsel for Plaintiff Samuel Joseph Orlando in this matter, pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 6(i) of the Local Rules of this Court, and Rule 1.16(a)(1) and (b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, who informs the Court that undersigned Counsel has disengaged from representing the Plaintiff.

1. In this matter, undersigned Counsel was retained on a limited basis to serve as Local Counsel only.
2. Because Plaintiff’s trial Counsel seek to withdraw from their respective representations of Plaintiff, and where Plaintiff has not identified replacement trial Counsel, the undersigned is unable to continue representing Plaintiff solely as Local Counsel in this matter.

3. Plaintiff's Co-Counsel are attorneys with significant experience in civil rights trial representation, while the undersigned lacks similar experience, and therefore is not qualified to serve as sole trial Counsel for Plaintiff in this matter.
4. Continuation of the Plaintiff's representation would be inappropriate under the circumstances, and for additional reasons the undersigned cannot continue to represent Plaintiff.
5. For these reasons, and on that good cause the undersigned seeks leave to withdraw from representing Plaintiff in this matter. Plaintiff does not oppose this motion and was given reasonably sufficient notice of it in advance.

Accordingly, the movant, Christopher M. Okay, respectfully requests leave to withdraw as counsel of record.

Respectfully submitted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024,

/s/ Christopher M Okay  
Christopher M. Okay (VSB #35611)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Christopher M. Okay, Counsel for Plaintiff(s) in this matter, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that on November 7, 2024 I filed the foregoing Motion to Withdraw electronically through this Court's CM-ECF electronic filing system, and that the system will send a copy to each of the following Counsel representing parties in this case:

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